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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Sharon Conatser, a proud citizen of Champaign,
3 will be elected to serve as National President of the American
4 Legion Auxiliary during the organization's 95th National
5 Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on September 3, 2015, with
6 the theme of "Keeping the Promise"; she is a proud American
7 Legion Family member of Urbana Auxiliary Unit 71; and

8 WHEREAS, Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is
9 the world's largest women's patriotic service organization
10 with a national membership of nearly 800,000; the organization
11 has a strong presence in more than 9,000 communities
12 nationwide, including 496 Auxiliary units in the State of
13 Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Sharon Conatser joined the American Legion
15 Auxiliary with her eligibility through her father, Clay Lofton,
16 a World War II and Korean War veteran; she is also eligible
17 through her husband, Marty, a Vietnam veteran, and her son,
18 Rick, a veteran from the Gulf War era; her 3 sons,
19 daughters-in-law, and 5 grandchildren are all members of the
20 American Legion Family; and

21 WHEREAS, Sharon Conatser has held numerous Auxiliary
22 leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district,

1 and department levels; at the national level, she has chaired
2 many committees and has served special appointments since 2001;
3 during the 2007-2008 administrative year, she served as First
4 Lady of The American Legion; and

5 WHEREAS, Sharon Conatser chose Springfield as the site and
6 host city of her National President's Homecoming to show her
7 the rich historic and cultural fabric within her boundaries;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The City of Springfield has hosted the annual
10 Department of Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Convention on
11 numerous occasions; the hometown of Abraham Lincoln is the
12 perfect canvas on which to showcase the American Legion's
13 history of service to our nation's veterans; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 designate October 23-25, 2015 as National American Legion
17 Auxiliary President Sharon Conatser's Homecoming Weekend in
18 the State of Illinois and encourage all of our citizens to
19 recognize the honorable 95-year tradition of the American
20 Legion Auxiliary's volunteerism of "Service not Self"; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Sharon Conatser as a symbol of our respect and
2 esteem.